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**The Role of Interest Groups**

1. Explain how interest groups differ from political parties.

**Theories of Interest Group Politics**

1. Describe the arguments offered by the group theory of interest group politics
2. Describe the criticisms elite theorists have of pluralist theory
3. Describe interest group liberalism
4. Describe the components that comprise iron triangles (subgovernments) and explain what their goals are
5. What is the hyperpluralists’ major criticism of the interest group system?

**What Makes a Interest Group Successful?**

1. What is the difference between a potential group and an actual group?
2. Explain why, according to Mancur Olson, small groups are often more effective than large groups.
3. How can large groups overcome Olson’s law of large groups?
4. How does intensity affect the effectiveness of interest groups?